working of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

हिन्दी सलाहकार समिति

389. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनके मंत्रालय मे हिन्दी सलाहकार समिति का गठन कर दिया गया है;

(ख) क्या समिति की बैठके बुलाने के लिए कोई कदम उठाये गये है ; और

(ग) यदि कोई कदम नही उठाये गये हैं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री वी० एन० गाडगिल) : (क) इस मंत्रालय की हिन्दी सलाहकार समिति का पुनर्गठन विचाराधीन है ।

(ख) और (ग) जैसे ही समिति का पुनर्गठन हो जायेगा, इसकी बैठक बुलाई जायेगी ।

बिहार में सहकारी समितियां

390. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव** : क्या **कृषि और ग्रामीण विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में सहकारी समितियों का कार्यकरण राष्ट्रीय औसत के मुकाबले संतोषजनक नही है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार बिहार में सहकारी समितियों के कार्यकरण मे सुधार लाने के लिए ठोस कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

ग्रामीण विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चन्दूलाल चन्द्राकर) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) संविधान के अन्तर्गत "सहकारी समितियां" राज्य का विषय है । इसलिये, सहकारी समितियों के समग्र काम-काज को बेहतर बनाने की मूल जिम्मेदारी राज्य सरकारों की है । लेकिन केन्द्रीय सरकार तथा राष्ट्रीय कृषि और ग्राम विकास बैंक सहकारी समितियों के काम-काज को बेहतर तथा मजबूत बनाने के लिए राज्य सरकारों को विस्तृत दिशानिर्देश तथा वित्तीय सहायता भी देते रहे है । बिहार सहित सहकारिता की दृष्टि से कम विकसित राज्यों में केन्द्रीय सरकार कृषि-ऋण, परिसंस्करण, भण्डारण और कृषि उत्पादन से संबंधित कार्यक्रमों के लिये सहकारी समितियों को वित्तीय सहायता देने की केन्द्रीय योजनाएं भी कार्यान्वित करती रही है ।

T.V. Station at Kodaikanal

391. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) when will the Kodaikanal T. V. station commence operation; and

(b) what is the number of towns and the population to be benefited by its operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Kodaikanal T.V. transmission commenced operation at 1 K.W. from 15.8.1984. The 10 K.W. transmission has started functioning on trial basis from June, 1985.

(b) with the formal commissioning of the transmitter at Kodaikanal at 10 K.W. of power a population of about 262.5 lakhs in the districts of Madurai, Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari, Ramanathapuram, Coim-

batore, Tiruchirapalli, Nilgiri, Periyar, Salem, Pudukkotai and Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu and Mysore in Karnataka shall be covered.

Attaches in Arab Countries for Indian Labour

392. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to appoint attaches in some Arab countries to help Indian emigrant labour in sorting out their problems; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal to appoint Labour Attaches in countries where there is large concentration of Indian workers is under active consideration.

Aid from Asian Bank for Housing

393. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take aid for housing from the Asian Bank; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Setting up of a National Wage Board

394. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up National Wage Board in order to bring parity of wages among workers in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) and (b) The question of a National Wage Policy has been considered from time to time at various forums in the Ministry of Labour. This matter was discussed last time in the State Labour Ministers' Conference held on 11th May, 1985 in New Delhi and in this connection several views were expressed. The suggestions made are engaging the attention of the Ministry and it is proposed to discuss them further from various aspects at the Indian Labour Conference which is proposed to be held later this year. Therefore, the Government have at present no proposal to set up a National Wage Board.

Civic amenities for colonies in Delhi

395. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been reached resently between the Delhi Development Authority and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi with regard to undertake the civic amenities of 180 colonies by the latter: and

(b) if so, what are the names of the colonies and the date by when the Muni-